Letters to the editor

Important decision

Editor:

On November 3rd one of the most important decisions will be made in Appomattox County. The voters of Appomatox will have a chance to decide on what type of School Board system they want for the future.

Under Virginia Law there are two processes by which the School Board could be selected, appointment by the Electoral Board (the present process of selecting a School Board member), or appointment by the Board of Supervisors. Electoral Board Committee members are appointed by the Circuit Court.

Through the current process the public has no say in who it's representatives will be. Under the new proposal citizens could at least appeal to their supervisors.

The selection of the School Board would bring the Board closer to the community and would give the public a chance to express their views on their particular representative. The Board would be more responsive to the public wishes.

If you feel you need better representation on the School Board selection, vote YES on the November 3rd ballot.

Sincerely,
[Mrs.] A. R. Seay
Pamplin, Va.

Addresses sportsmen

Dear Sir:

I would like to address this letter to the sportsmen and hunters of Appomattox County. The upcoming gubernatorial election on November 3rd is probably one of the most important elections the hunters and sportsmen have ever had to face. Mr. Coleman has introduced legislation that would have profound effect on the rights of Virginia hunters and sportsmen. In 1976 while serving in the State Senate, Mr. Coleman introduced Senate Bill 77 which could required some sportsmen in Virginia before going into the field to hunt to post bond with the court or magistrate. Also, that same year Mr. Coleman introduced Senate Bill 492 which made it unlawful to hunt bear with dogs. There is no doubt in my mind that if Mr. Coleman's bear hunting bill had passed that the deer and rabbit hunters would have been next.

On the other hand, Chuck Robb has declared that he is a friend of the Virginia sportsman: that he supports our Game Commission and quoting Mr. Robb on what he has said on numerous occasions, "Rather than burdening the hundreds of thousands of law-abiding Virginians who own firearms for sporting, recreational, and self-protection purposes, I am committed to focussing on the criminal activity itself. I am determined to crack down on criminals who use firearms or other deadly weapons in the commission of violent crimes and to increase the severity of the additional mandatory sentence for any such offense. As Governor, I will support the efforts of Virginia sportsmen to implement effective crime controls, and to oppose more restrictive firearms laws."

I urge all hunters and sportsmen to get out on November 3rd and support Chuck Robb for Governor of Virginia and help protect our right to hunt and fish in this great Commonwealth.

Sincerely yours,
Watkins Abbitt, Jr.

Against change

Editor:

The voters of Campbell County on November 3, will be casting a ballot for or against a change in the method of selecting school board membership. This may go unnoticed by many until they reach the ballot box, but many have shown concern to the extent of asking numerous questions.

"It ain't broke, don't fix it." Anything that has worked so well does not need changing just for the sake of change.

The School Board Selection Commission is the best method developed thus far for selecting School Board members. It removes any self-serving interests as far as possible from that decision-making process. This is a one function commission. It is not tied to any chain reaction. It can do its job without fear of reprisal. It places the appointment responsibility in one arena and the funding of education in an entirely different arena. The citizens have some say in the decision now. In the proposed change, this is lost.

The School Board Selection Commission System is a safeguard against the build up of an uncontrollable centralized bureaucracy. It prevents, in so far as possible, appointments being made as a favor or vindication of wrath. It serves as an excellent check and balance in local government.

Local government in Virginia is the best found anywhere. This is due to the limited powers set by law governing local boards and officials. We should never do anything to change this public local government policy. It is state policy to keep politics as far removed from the education sector as possible.

With all of its faults, the School Board Selection Commission is the best system that has been developed anywhere, thus far. It does not leave "the fox guarding the chicken coop." A "NO" vote on the proposed change is in the best interests of our children.

Sincerely,
G. Hunter Jones, Jr.
Concord

For Wyatt Durette

Editor, The Times-Virginian:

While much of the attention in this statewide election year is being given to the candidates for Governor, I think it is important that the voters examine carefully the credentials of those running for Attorney General. If they do, they will see that one man stands out among the candidates for this important office. He is Wyatt Durrette, a lawyer and former member of the General Assembly from Fairfax County.

Durrette's background of three terms in the House of Delegates and service on numerous committees, commissions and boards means that he knows state government and how it works. He is an experienced courtroom attorney who has received the highest possible rating on legal ability and ethical and professional standards.

Durrette is making responsible and constructive proposals in the area of criminal prosecution, recruitment of talented young attorneys for the Attorney Generals office, and working for a more responsible concept of federalism with the new Administration in Washington and its evident determination to return more power and authority to the states.

Republicans, Democrats, and Independents would be well-served by electing this truly well-qualified candidate as our next Attorney General.

Janice Marston

Supports Coleman

Dear Sir:

Marshall Coleman has proved to be a strong and aggressive Attorney General and this obviously has earned him some powerful adversaries among the old political power brokers in Virginia politics.

Marshall Coleman as well as many citizens of Virginia are very concerned about situations in which those in positions of public trust fail to fulfill their obligations to the citizens of Virginia.

Strong leadership must be continued such that public confidence in the criminal justice system and indeed in all public institutions is fully realized.

I believe that if Appomattox County citizens examine the candidates closely that most will agree that the ticket of Marshall Coleman, Nathan Miller and Wyatt Durrette offers the better choice.

This ticket will serve the "special interests" of Virginians.

William S. Slagle
Spout Spring, Va.

More Letters in Section B

Locals head to Longwood

Music students from Appomattox will join music students from 21 other Virginia High Schools Thursday at Longwood College for the college's Fall High School Choral Festival.

The students will participate in a day-long rehearsal with Dr. Louard Egbert, music department chairman, and a public performance that evening of Schubert's Mass in G.

The Festiva concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium. Accompanying the 250-voice chorus will be a stringed orchestra and Dr. Paul Hesselink at the organ. The public is cordially invited to attend the concert at no charge.

The students, all juniors and seniors, were selected by the music directors at their schools

Rescue Squad donation

RAY NOBLE, CAPTAIN OF THE APPOMATTOX County Volunteer Rescue Squad (shown left), accepts a donation from Edith Ferguson, (center), and Mary Hudson, (right) on behalf of Canaan Baptist Church members and friends. The ACVRS needs an additional $1,000. to meet their goal of $16,500., set for this year's fund drive. The squad will be celebrating their 20th year of service in the county this Saturday in cooperation with WTTX's One-Year Celebration under new ownership. Pay then a visit at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center on Saturday, October 31.

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October 22, 1981

Dear Friends,

I am not a politician . . . my health would not permit me to embark upon another career at this stage of my life; and if I were to do so, I would never consider a career in the political field.

Approximately two weeks ago, President Reagan, by executive order, ordered funds to be withheld from the enforcement of Public Law #93-112. This law was passed by congress on September 26, 1973. It was supposed to provide access to all public buildings for the handicapped people of America. While progress is slow in the enforcement of this law, much has been done to give people who are orthopedically impaired a chance to get into some of the public buildings.

President Reagan withholding funds for the enforcement of this act is a SLAP IN THE FACE to every person in America who has ever had to use a cane, crutches or a walker as an aid to walk, along with every person who has ever had to resort to a "wheelchair" to motivate himself.

President Reagan, withholding funds for the enforcement of Public law #93-112, has affected all handicapped people in America, including the deaf, blind, heart and respiratory related ailments, just to name a few.

I speak only for the orthopedically handicapped in detail since this is the group to which I belong. I believe that this cold hearted man who resides in our nation's White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, D.C., is potentially dangerous to every American who is handicapped.

My main concern at this time is the man, J. Marshall Coleman, who is trying to become our next Governor of Virginia. Mr. Coleman, in an article in the Lynchburg News, Sunday, October 11, 1981, states that he admires "President Reagan more than any other American".

If his admiration of President Reagan is as strong as the above statement, then J. Marshall Coleman is unworthy of representing the citizens of Virginia. Having Marshall Coleman in the Governor's Mansion would be utter chaos.

If the things Messers Reagan, Coleman & Co. are supporting gain momentum, then I fear for any and every American who has ever been labeled HANDICAPPED.

The 1980 census of the United States tells me that approximately 18.5% of the total population of the United States are handicapped. Public Law #93-112 and the enforcement of this law is not as EXPENSIVE as President Reagan would have us believe. When handicapped citizens cannot gain access to places they need to go, this makes mobility for them more difficult, and PROHIBITS them from being productive human beings.

We are living in a time when minorities are fighting for, and gaining, their rights. This causes me to stand up in behalf of all handicapped Americans, 40 million strong.

I urge you ALL to go to the polls on November 3, 1981, and vote for Charles S. (Chuck) Robb for our next Governor of Virginia. His election is essential to all handicapped people of Virginia.

Respectfully Yours,
J. Robert Jamerson

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APPOMATTOX CITIZENS FOR ROBB

Dear Fellow Citizens:

* We as a group of concerned citizens are actively involved with electing Chuck Robb as Virginia's next Governor.
* Like you, we have always worked to elect candidates who would preserve the commonwealth's record of stable, fiscally responsible government.
* Like you, we have often put principle before partisan loyalties, our first commitment should always be to Virginia.
* Like you, we don't always agree on every issue, but with Chuck Robb, we can agree that he will be consistent, and we don't have to check the morning paper to see if he's changed his position on a particular issue.
* Like you, we feel its unfair to condemn any man simply on the basis of who he married especially since that man has been Lieutenant Governor of Virginia for the past four years. Chuck Robb is his own man who served in the marines, including active combat duty. Chuck Robb has excelled in whatever he has undertaken, and has the necessary background to be an outstanding Chief Executive.
* Chuck Robb has proposed programs to put new life into the depressed housing industry. His program has already been proven to be fruitful in over 30 other states.
* Chuck Robb has always supported the sportsman of Virginia, and has never done anything to jeopardize the rights of Virginia's hunters. Robb is against the proposal by Coleman to require some gun owners to register with courts.
* Chuck Robb is the only candidate for Governor who has the majority of support in both legislative bodies in Richmond, the House of Delegates, and the Senate. With this support, Robb will be able to insure all Virginians they will continue to have a voice in good sound effective government.
* Chuck Robb has run a campaign that has been in the finest Virginia tradition, one of dignity and fairness.
* We welcome our friends outside of our state to visit often, but feel it is inappropriate for them to get involved with an election in which they cannot vote in.
* After reading the enclosed material, we hope you will join with us and the thousands of other Virginians who, because of the special circumstances of this election will put principle above partisan loyalty and support and vote for Chuck Robb on Tuesday, November 3.

Sincerely,
Appomattox Citizens for Robb

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By authority of Ronnie Spiggle, Treasurer for Appomattox Citizens for Robb

It's Time For A Change

Under the present system your school board members are chosen and appointed by the Electoral Board whose members are chosen and appointed by the Circuit Court Judge. This system gives you, the parents and taxpayers of Appomattox County, no voice or say-so in who serves on your school board.

If you vote YES on the referendum printed below, this system will be changed. The members of your school board will be chosen by the Board of Supervisors — the people you have elected and the people who will listen to what you have to say about how our school system is run.

YOUR YES VOTE WILL GIVE YOU A SAY-SO IN WHO SERVES ON YOUR SCHOOL BOARD.

Do you want a better school system in Appomattox County?
Do you want a school board that will listen to the people of Appomattox County?
Do you want a school board whose primary interest is our children?
Do you want a school board that will have to answer to you, the taxpayers and parents of Appomattox County?

DO YOU WANT A "SAY SO" IN WHO SERVES ON YOUR SCHOOL BOARD?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD BY VOTING YES ON NOVEMBER 3RD.

"Shall the present method of selecting the members of the County School Board be changed from appointment by the School Board Selection Commission to appointment by the governing body of the county."

YES [X] NO [ ]

We, the undersigned citizens, endorse the above referendum, and encourage the people of Appomattox to vote for the proposed change in the method of appointing school board members in the Nov. 3 election.

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